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In re application of :

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**INORGANIC COMPOUND SOL  
MODIFIED BY ORGANIC  
COMPOUND**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete the current version of claim 1 and insert the amend version of claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An inorganic compound sol comprising a dispersion medium having a dielectric constant of from 10 to 85 and, dispersed therein, inorganic compound particulates having average particle size from about 11 to about 30 nm whose surface has been modified by an organic compound which is selected from the class consisting of vinylsilane compounds, acrylsilane compounds, epoxysilane compounds, aminosilane compounds,  $\gamma$ -mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane and  $\gamma$ -chloropropyltrimethoxysilane, exhibiting a molecular

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